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Sir:

The period of suspended prosecution for this application due to a potential interference is now expired. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the application listed above.

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